WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Selling of land belonging to Ministry of Defence in Delhi and Maharashtra

*61. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken to sell/commercialise land belonging to Defence Ministry in Delhi and Maharashtra ;

(b) if so, the total land available and earmarked for the purpose in Delhi and Maharashtra, respectively ; and

(c) details of the procedure to be followed in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Continuing Govt. Policy Regarding Disposal of Surplus Defence Lands

1.1 There has been a continuing policy that lands rendered permanently surplus to Defence requirements will be disposed of by sale on realisation of market value to various agencies in the following order of preference :—

(1) Other Ministries of Central Government.

(2) State Governments.

(3) Local Bodies.

(4) Educational and Charitable Institutions.

(5) Ex-Servicemen.

1.2 In case none of the above agencies respond to the offer, the surplus Defence lands are to be put to sale, by public auction.

Resource Crunch Mobolisation of all possible resources

2.1 In order to meet the shortfall in resources needed for Modernisation and for Capital Works in the Armed Forces an exercise has been initiated to identify Defence lands which may be permanently surplus to Defence requirements. Such lands have been identified in several States, including Delhi and Maharashtra.

2.2 In Delhi and Maharashtra, certain pockets of Defence lands as indicated in the enclosed Statements I and II, have so far been identified for disposal. (*See* below). Government of Maharashtra has been given an offer to take-over these lands on payment of market value.

2.3 As regards surplus Defence lands in Delhi, modalities for their disposal are in the process of being worked out in consultation with the concerned authorities.

Statement-I

Details of Surplus Defence Land in Delhi

S.No.	Description of Land	Acres.
1	Burari Plains Land in Delhi	104.170
2	Rajpura Road Bungalow No. 12	4.440
3	Anand Parbat.	264.680
4	Chhatarpur.	0.940
5	Khanpur.	126.142
6	Kingsway Camp	50.000
7	Naraina Tri Junction	1.000
8	Shakurbasti	240.00
		791.372

Statement—II

Details of surplus camping Grounds in Maharashtra

S. No.	Description of Land	Acres
1	Rahatgaon	3.350
2	Hiwara	29.975
3	Belura	7.375
4	Surwada	6.993
5	Dhamak	12.975
6	Palatwada	402.083
7	Warud	1.700
8	Amrawati	2.325
9	Seoni	4.400
10	Karanja	30.500
11	Paradi	35.175
12	Kayar	0.950
13	Wadho a	0.500
14	Kalzar	3.910
15	Rehana	6.000
16	Hinganghat	12.610
17	Gorewada	9.500
18	Mansar	14.940
19	Prasodi	9.250
20	Thane	4.980
	Total :	598.491

Recognition to Political Partial

*62. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 421 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th March, 1992 and state :

(a) whether it is mandatory to grant recognition to a political party/association for the purpose of election under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act ;

(b) whether it is a fact that reserved symbols will be given to various political parties unregistered under the Act ;

(c) whether any time frame has been set to enforce section 29-A of the Representation of the People Act for all political parties ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY) : (a) Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, deals with the registration and not with the recognition of a political party.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The registration of political parties under section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, is voluntary.